

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended) An automated method for processing immigration applications and enabling users such as prospective or recent immigrants to start, manage, and complete the immigration and associated processes on-line without involvement by any legal, professional or other service provider, the method comprising the following steps:

providing a core government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system, the core system having multiple subsystems and multiple interfaces between the subsystems and the various users of the system;

electronically accessing ~~an~~ the government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system over an electronic computer network via user interface;

entering preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user via information exchange interface;

electronically determining the eligibility of the user for initiating and completing any of the various procedures related to immigration and naturalization based on the preliminary screening and qualifying data of the user through use of eligibility determination subsystem;

automatically selecting any of the various government immigration and naturalization forms which the user is required to fill out for initiating and completing the specific procedures related to immigration and naturalization for which the user is eligible;

automatically populating the selected forms with the correct data particular to the user via document processing equipment interface, thereby generating the completed electronic forms required by the immigration and naturalization agency; and

electronically ~~sending~~ submitting the completed required forms to a particular agency according to the filing guidelines of the government via e-filing interface, whereby any of the various government procedures related to immigration and naturalization which the user is eligible for can be initiated, performed in part or completed without making administrative errors.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
printing out the completed forms which need to be signed and transferred back to the government
immigration and naturalization services center via document processing equipment interface.

Claim 3 (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
making electronic payments for any required filing fees or costs.

Claim 4 (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically
accessing an government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system over an
electronic computer network includes logging onto the homepage of website accessible over the internet.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically
accessing an government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system over an
electronic computer network is accomplished by a user through the use of a personal computer.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
automatically generating and providing the user with a set of detailed and personalized
instructions for initiating, performing in part or completing any of the various government procedures
related to immigration and naturalization for which the user is eligible.

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Claim 7 (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically determining the eligibility of the user for initiating and completing any of the various government procedures related to immigration and naturalization comprises comparing the preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user to standards, rules and regulations followed by the government.

Claim 8 (original) The method of Claim 8 in which the step of entering preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user creates a user log containing the preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user.

Claim 9 (canceled)

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